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SUBJECT: AFP/FIGARO INTERVIEW WITH MILITARY OFFICER

1. AFP TICKER JULY 15 CARRIED EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BETWEEN AFP AND "FIGARO" CORRESPONDENTS AND ALLEGED MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE (AFCC). ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS ACCESS TO TEXT OF AFP STORY THROUGH FBIS OR OTHERWISE. EMBASSY PREPARED POUCH FULL TEXT. WOULD APPRECIATE PARIS REPORT ON ANY "FIGARO" STORY THAT MAY APPEAR.

2. INTERNAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS SOURCE WILL INFORMED AND MAY WELL BE MEMBER OF, OR VERY CLOSE TO, AFCC.

3. PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS COVERED BY SOURCE INCLUDED: (A) CURRENT STRUCTURE OF AFCC; (B) HISTORY, IDEOLOGY, AND INTENTIONS OF REFORM MOVEMENT; AND (C) ROLE OF EMPEROR. ON LATTER POINT, SOURCE NOTED HIM HAD ORIGINALLY OPPOSED CERTAIN ARRESTS; HIM NOW POWERLESS; AND AFCC ACTS IN HIM'S NAME TO KEEP PUBLIC CALM AND STRENGTHEN COUNTRY'S UNITY.

4. COMMENT: INTERVIEW HAS NOT YET APPEARED IN CONTROLLED
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ETHIOPIAN MEDIA, AND IT MAY WELL BE SUPPRESSED. OF SEVERAL

THEORIES MAKING ROUNDS OF PERSONS AWARE OF TEXT, MOST PLAUSIBLE
ONE IS THAT AFCC UNHAPPY THAT THEIR "USE" OF EMPEROR HAS BEEN
REVEALED. WE UNDERSTAND AFP CORRESPONDENT JEAN-MARIE BLIN IN
TROUBLE AS CONSEQUENCE THIS STORY AND MAY BE PNG'D.
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